Statement

Year-wise percentage variations in the Wholesale Price Index Numbers of major agricultural commodities during the last three years

(Base 1993-94=100)

Commodity	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
All-Commodities	5.9	3.3	7.1
Agricultural Commodities	12.0	1.1	3.0
Rice	8.8	17.3	-2.2
Jowar	10.5	26.4	-17.0
Bajra	9.2	28.5	-8.5
Maize	4.02	5.4	-7.6
Ragi	10.1	17.3	1.9
Wheat	9.8	15.1	1.1
Barley	-8.8	31.3	-12.5
Gram	-10.9	4.1	20.6
Arhar	36.7	-5.3	-14.7
Moong	10.0	-0.3	3.5
Urad	12.5	18.6	26.4
Raw Cotton	7.4	-11.7	6.8
Raw Jute	6.0	4.6	32.7
Groundnut Seed	12.6	-7.4	-0.1
Repseed/Mustard Seed	40.0	-15.2	-14.9
Soyabeen	-10.5	-13.5	12.7
Sunflower	12.7	-18.8	0.6
Safflower	32.3	-9.1	-13.2
Copra	-9.3	9.4	-32.8
Sesamum	36.2	-1.8	-13.9
Nigerseed	16.6	22.5	3.1

Fall in milk production

2747. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk production in the country has fallen during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons for such decline; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The milk production in the country has not fallen during the last few years, on the contrary the milk production in India has been consistently rising. As per estimates available with Government, the average annual growth rate of production of milk during the last decade is 4.17%.

(c) Government of India has been implementing the following schemes to increase milk production in the country.

(i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.

(ii) Assistance to States for Fodder Development.

(iii) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.

(iv) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.

(v) Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

Construction of storage godowns and cold storages by private parties

2748. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are extending any further concessions for private parties in construction of storage godowns and cold storages; and

(b) how many tonnes of perishable goods can be stored in cold storages existing in Karnataka and whether Central Government are assisting, in any way, to help the State Government to increase this capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) At present, the Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme through National Horticulture Board (NHB) since 1999-2000 of "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/ Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce". Under this scheme the promoter of the cold storage is eligible for 25% subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50.00 lakhs per project. Subsidy for